Statement Under Rule 821

In response to the Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules, please consider the following. A diskette is enclosed which includes a Sequence Listing, in computer readable format, for the above-referenced Application along with a paper copy of the file.

The content of the enclosed paper entitled "SEQUENCE LISTING" and of the accompanying, identically labeled diskette, specifically the text file therein labeled "seqlist.txt", is the same. Furthermore, the information contained in the attached "SEQUENCE LISTING" and the text file is identical to the information originally submitted with the specification. Accordingly, no new matter has been added to the Application.

CONCLUSION

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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